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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman;

George W. Haley, Vice Chairman;

W. H. "Trey" LeBlanc, III;

H. Edward Quick, Jr., and George A. Omas

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

ORDER GRANTING LATE INTERVENTION

(September 5, 1997)

G + J USA Publishing (G + J) submitted a notice of intervention as a limited participant, which was received at the Commission on August 20, 1997, one week after the deadline established in P.O. Ruling R97-1/3, and conditionally accepted pending further consideration. Although G + J's notice was not accompanied by a motion for late acceptance, the Commission construes the filing as a request for waiver of the August 13th deadline.

On August 29, 1997, the Commission received a Motion of First Image Management Company for Leave to Intervene Late as a Limited Participator, which was conditionally accepted pending further consideration. In its motion, First Image indicates that it was unaware of the intervention deadline in this docket due to the fact that it has not previously intervened in a Commission proceeding, and it was unaware of the publication of Order No. 1186 in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Finding no apparent prejudice or harm in G + J's or First Image's late intervention, the Commission accepts these interventions subject to (a) G + J's and First Image's compliance with rulings and orders already issued and (b) oppositions filed by other participants pursuant to rule 20(d) [39 CFR § 3001.20(d)].

It is ordered:

- 1. G + J USA Publishing's notice of intervention as a limited participant is accepted subject to compliance with rulings and orders already issued and timely-filed objections.
- 2. The Motion of First Image Management Company for Leave to Intervene Late as a Limited Participant, filed August 29, 1997, is granted, subject to compliance with rulings and orders already issued and timely-filed objections.

By the Commission.

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Margaret P. Crenshaw

Secretary